



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

March 15, 2006

S. 1970

A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to update the feasibility and suitability study originally prepared for the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail and provide for the inclusion of new trail segments, land components, and campgrounds associated with that trail

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on March 8, 2006*

S. 1970 would require the National Park Service (NPS) to study the feasibility and suitability of designating certain routes in several states across the country as components of the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail. Assuming the availability of appropriated funds, CBO estimates that carrying out the required studies would cost about \$250,000 over the next three years. Enacting S. 1970 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 1970 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

On January 12, 2006, CBO prepared a cost estimate for H.R. 3085, a bill to amend the National Trails System Act to update the feasibility and suitability study originally prepared for the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail and provide for the inclusion of new trail segments, land components, and campgrounds associated with that trail. H.R. 3085 was introduced in the House of Representatives on June 28, 2005. Our cost estimate for implementing H.R. 3085 was greater than for S. 1970 because the House bill would direct the NPS to designate as a component of the historic trail any studied segments that it might deem appropriate, without further Congressional authorization.

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